

Prolog of Apocalips

It was foundid of pe apostles on
crist pe ston/dissolud by pe so
ne & pe hooly gost to shewe he
p me dæde hem pe lasse / & al pe
trinite shewide it cit in his ma
hod: & cit to john by an angel.
& john to hooly churche. of which
reuelacioun john made his book.
Wherfore his book is seid apoca
lips: & is to sepe reuelacioun for
het it is conteyned pat god shew
side to john: & ioon to hooly chur
che. how grete pigis hooly chur
che suffre in pe firste tyme: &
now suffre & shal suffre in pe
laste tymes of auct: whiche tri
bulacioun shal be so greet: & if it
mouke be. pei p' bech d'os. be mo
uid and which meedis she shal
al resseyne for pes tribulacioun.
now & tyme to come: & moedis
pat bech bihoote maken he glad.
Whom pe tribulacioun pat ben
teeld maky aferd p'fore his bo
ok amog opere scripturis of pe
newe testamet: is depid bi pe
name of p'fecie: & it is more ex
cellent pan p'fecis: for as pe ne
we testamet is worpier pa pe
olde: & pe gospel pa pe lawe: so his
p'fecie passy pe p'fecies of pe
olde testamet: for it shewy sa
crametis p' bech now aparty ful
fillid of cit & of hooly churche: or
ellis for to ope is oon man p'fecie
cie: but to his is pe man p'fecie
zoue to gidze: & is of pat p' is
passid: & of pat p' is present: &
of pat p' is to come: & to cofer
me pe autorite of it. & comey
pe autorite of hi p' sendy: & of
hi p' berp: & of hi p' resseyne
he pat sendy is pe tyme: he p'

berp pe angel. he p' resseyne ion
but whiche pes pigis be shewid
to john i vision: & per ben p' be
dis of vision: it is to seen vnder
which fynde pis be conteyned for
bi vision is bodily: as whiche we
seen our pigis by bodily: hen
bi is spiritual or ymaginarie.
as whiche we seen slepige or wa
fige. We bihold pe ymagis of pi
gis by which bi our pigis is sig
nified: as farao elepige by e
ris of coen: & moyses wafige by
pe byrth b'ene: anof vision is
of vnderstondig: as whiche p' is
reuelacioun of pe hooly gost: p' is
vnderstondig of pouzt. We cofer
uen pe trewe of myteries: as
john sanz po pigis: p' bech contey
ned in his book: for not ony he
sanz in spirit pe figuris: but also
he vnderstod in pouzt. pe pigis
p' were signified bi he: john sanz
& wort in pe yle of patmos.
Whiche he was exild of domician
pe moost wicked pnce: & a cause
copellid hi to wyte: for while he
was holdu in outlanke of domy
cian in pe yle of patmos: i pe
churche p' he hadde goimed yer
were spronge many vices & di
nerle cures: for p' were sume
eretikis per pat senden: p' crist
was not tofore marie: for as mo
che as he was in tyme bozu of
him: whiche eretikis john in pe
bigynnyng of hi gospel: vnder
wynep & senp in pe bigynnyng was
pe sone: & in his book whiche he
senp: / I am alpha & oo: p' is pe bi
gynnyng & pe ende: sume also sei
den p' hooly churche shulde ende
tofore pe ende of pe world for

charge of tribulacioun: & p' it shul
de not vnderfonge for her tra
uyl: enlastige meede: p' fore is
willige to distre pe erronres
of p'ese: wherby p' crist was bi
gynnyng & ende: wherfore I sepe
bery tofore me was no god four
med: & after me p' shal not be: &
p' hooly churche p' is exercyse of
tribulacioun: shal not be endid
but shal p'ofren: & for he res
seyne an enlastige meede: john
writy to pe seuene churchis of aspe:
& to her seuene bihopis of pe forlud
pigis: ensonyge & techige bi he al
pe geual hooly churche: & so pe mat
of john i vis iwert is: specially of pe
churche of aspe: & also of al hooly chur
che: what she shal suffre i pis p'
sent tyme: & what she shal vnder
fonge i tyme to come: & his entet
is to hit to patience: which is to be
kept for pe trauel is thort: & pe
nured greet: pe man of his tretyng
is lich: first he sette bifore a p'olog
i a saluacioun: wher he maky pe hee
rers benygne: & taky wel tent: &
whiche he hap sett it to fore: he comey
to pe tellig: but to fore his tellig he
shew: p' cit is eue woute bigynnyng
& wout ende: & her ligg hi p' l'p'ly.
I am alpha & oo: bigynnyng & ende: lastyng
ard he comey to hi tellig: & departy
it into seuene visionis: & whiche pei be
edid: p' book is edid: he settit to fore pe
plog: & senp: pe apocalips of ihu cit vnder
stode p' his is as it is i op: pe vision
of Iase: & also pe pablis of salomon.
Ierom i his plog on his apocalips
senp al ris // C. p.
Apocalips of ihu cit. Wh
ich god gaf to hy to ma
ke opyn to his seruaunt